



3653

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

J. S. Tarasi  
Attorney for Applicant

Date: 31 October 2003

**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No.: DB000972-000**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Appl. No.:** 10/010,387  
**Applicant(s):** Philip H. Spano Jr.  
**Filed:** December 7, 2001  
**Title:** METHOD OF OPERATING A DISPENSING CABINET

**Art Unit:** 3653  
**Examiner:** Michael E. Butler

**Docket No.:** DB000972-000

**RECEIVED**  
NOV 07 2003  
**GROUP 3600**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 3 October 2003 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

- Response to Restriction Requirement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

A return postcard is also enclosed. Please date stamp and mail the postcard in order to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. S. Tarasi  
Jennifer S. Tarasi  
Reg. No. 46,064  
THORP, REED & ARMSTRONG  
One Oxford Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
301 Grant St.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1425  
(412) 394-2360  
Attorneys for Applicants

Dated: 31 October 2003